

Application No.: 10/655,352

Docket No.: 22040-00019-US

REMARKS

This second preliminary amendment is being submitted to make a minor clarifying amendment in originally filed claim 81 (first occurrence).

"Claim 81" appears twice in the original Application papers for which the inventor signed a declaration. The *second occurrence* of claim 81 on page 126 of the Specification was previously canceled, and was previously presented as claim 107 in the First Preliminary Amendment.

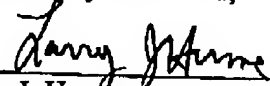
Claims 1-106 now remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 15, 19, 22, 23, 24, 30, 33, 37, 40, 41, 50, 52, 57, 65, and 103 are independent. Claim 81 (first occurrence) has been amended by this Second Preliminary Amendment. Claim 107 has been cancelled.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no additional fee beyond the fees for filing the application is due with this Amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00019-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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